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1. The four Bulgarian armored divisions are stationed as follows:

- a. Sofia;
- b. Sliven;
- c. Plovdiv, 3 Tank Division; and
- d. Pleven.

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2. Three of the divisions are composed of two regiments each; the fourth division has one regiment with a second regiment in the early stages of formation.
3. Bulgaria has a total of 750-770 tanks, of which some are old German tanks used only for basic training. The USSR has supplied 653 tanks, the majority of which are T-34's;

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The Bulgarian regimental table of organization calls for 65 tanks.

4. Most of the fuel for armored units comes directly from Rumania and is always more than sufficient for present requirements.
5. Spare parts are available for Soviet tanks, but great difficulty is experienced in obtaining spares for the old German-type tanks.
6. Armored training has traditionally always been held in the Stara Zagora plain area; however, since this area is now used by artillery units, tank training is now carried on in the following areas:

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- a. The plains north of Plovdiv for basic training; and
  - b. The plains and hills northwest of Plovdiv, with the training depot at Kazanluk for advanced training.
7. There is no sign of any strategic stockpiling except that underground ammunition and fuel dumps have been prepared for various specific units in restricted frontier areas; there are actually no tank units stationed in any of these areas.

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